



Memorandum

To: LeePeterson, Water District 37

From: Tim Luke *TL*

Date: July 19, 2002

Re: Letter about Ground Water Diversion Water Right Priority Cuts

Lee,

You asked me last week if I could send you a letter or other document directing you to send direct notice from your office regarding priority cuts for those surface water rights under your administration that are diverted from ground water wells. Attached is a letter I sent to you last year concerning this issue and providing the direction that we agreed upon. I mentioned that I thought I sent this letter to you last year but you believed you had no such document on record. Does the attached document cover your concerns? Have I misunderstood your request? Please let me know if you need anything further.

Tim



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Re: Notices of Water Right Priority Cuts to owners of Ground Water Diversions with Surface Water Rights

Dear Lee,

This letter documents our phone conversation on August 28, 2001 concerning the above referenced topic. Both you and I mutually agreed that it would be more efficient in the future for you or your office to send priority cut notices directly to those users who divert surface water rights from ground water wells. I had provided this task for the water district over the past several years but both you and I agree that this can be done more efficiently and expeditiously if handled directly by your office. Both you and I discussed this matter separately with Norm Young and I understand that Norm concurs with this approach.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or concerns relative to this matter. If you wish, my clerical assistant, Dayna Ball, or I can forward you an electronic version of the form letter that we used over the past two years.

Sincerely,

Tim Luke
Water Allocations

Cc: Norm Young, IDWR
Allen Merritt, IDWR Southern Region